

FISCAL NOTE

HB 588

May 7, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance plans to cover massage therapy when prescribed by a physician.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Health Industry Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000¹

TennCare does not currently mandate coverage of massage therapy.

This bill would not directly impact the state employee health insurance plan and most local government health plans, since self-insured plans are exempted by federal law (ERISA).

¹The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director